

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): A rotary knob for an electrical system, comprising:

a body;

a rotary maneuvering member mounted on the body in a fluid-tight manner; and

a driving part housed in the body and provided with cam surfaces on a circumference thereof, wherein

the maneuvering member includes a shank for moving the driving part,

the body supports at least one electrical block being switchable in response to a rotation of the maneuvering member via at least one axially moving slider disposed around the cam surfaces of the driving part,

the maneuvering member is mounted in a rotary manner about an axis with a limited angular movement to assume at least two functional positions, and is locked in rotation with the driving part provided with the cam surfaces for moving the sliders,

the body of the knob includes a hollow part provided with an external cylindrical flange, an internal cylindrical sleeve and a cup defined between the flange and the sleeve,

the cup houses either a helical spring acting on a sensitivity ring separate from the driving part and movable in translation or a torsion spring acting on the maneuvering member, and

the cylindrical sleeve defines a central opening with which a centering seat of the shank of the maneuvering member cooperates.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The rotary knob as claimed in claim 1, wherein the shank of the maneuvering member and the driving part each includes a cylindrical seat ensuring the centering, in the central opening of the sleeve, of the maneuvering member and

the driving part.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The rotary knob as claimed in claim 1, wherein the driving part is mounted by interlocking portions on the shank of the maneuvering member, the driving part having a shoulder connected to a seat thereof that is applied axially against a bearing face of the body.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The rotary knob as claimed in claim 1, wherein the compression or torsion spring housed in the cup has a height substantially equal to a height of the cylindrical sleeve.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The rotary knob as claimed in claim 1, wherein, when the cup houses the sensitivity ring and a compression spring, the sensitivity ring is separate from the driving part, coaxial with the maneuvering member, movable in translation, has a diameter corresponding to that of the cup, cooperates with the maneuvering member with cam portions provided on respective peripheries thereof and is provided with notches corresponding to the functional positions.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The rotary knob as claimed in claim 5, wherein there is, between the external cylindrical flange of the body and the cup, an annular space stepped with respect to the cup and configured to house a sealing device.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The rotary knob as claimed in claim 6, wherein the maneuvering member is a hand grip that has a head provided with a reentrant annular rim, the annular space houses the annular rim and a guard ring with a cylindrical skirt, a first radial

annular interstice is provided between the flange and the annular rim and a second radial annular interstice is provided between the annular rim and the cylindrical skirt, the two interstices in series forming a sealing chicane.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The rotary knob as claimed in claim 7, wherein the guard ring has a stop which limits the movement of the guard ring against the force of the spring.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The rotary knob as claimed in claim 6, wherein, when the cup houses a torsion spring, a chicane sealing device is provided between the cylindrical flange of the body and comprises a skirt of the ~~grasping~~ head and an intermediate cylindrical flange of the body separating the cup from the annular space.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): A rotary knob for an electrical system, comprising:  
a body including a hollow part provided with an external cylindrical flange, an internal cylindrical sleeve and a cup defined between the flange and the sleeve;  
a driving part housed in the body; and  
a rotary maneuvering member mounted on the body in a fluid-tight manner, the maneuvering member including a shank for moving the driving part, wherein  
the body supports at least one electrical block being switchable in response to a rotation of the maneuvering member via at least one axially moving slider,  
the maneuvering member is mounted in a rotary manner about an axis with a limited angular movement to assume at least two functional positions, and is locked in rotation with the driving part provided with cam surfaces for moving the sliders,

the cup houses either a helical spring acting on a sensitivity ring separate from the driving part and movable in translation or a torsion spring acting on the maneuvering member,

the cylindrical sleeve defines a central opening with which a centering seat of the shank of the maneuvering member cooperates, and

when the cup houses the sensitivity ring and a compression spring, the sensitivity ring is separate from the driving part, coaxial with the maneuvering member, movable in translation, has a diameter corresponding to a diameter of the cup, cooperates with the maneuvering member with cam portions provided on respective peripheries thereof, and is provided with notches corresponding to the functional positions.